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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims	-	Highest						
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present			Additional	
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	25	_	35	=	0	X	9	=	0
Independent Claims	3	-	4	=	0	X	42	==	0
	TOTAL	-							\$0

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 10, 2002, set to expire on December 10, 2002, be extended by 3 months, to expire on March 10, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$465.00.

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C. <u>Fees Enclosed</u>

Enclosed is our Check No. 146251 in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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